

FAIL TO FIND DROWNED LAD

RAIL EMPLOYEES
ASK SANCTION
FOR ALLIANCESUrge Rail Unions to Back
"Defensive Alliances" at
Special Convention.

CLAIM NEED IMPERATIVE

Delegates Declare New Organiza-
tion Necessary to
Resist Attacks.

By Associated Press:
NEW YORK, April 3.—Representatives of 175,000 organized railroad employees in special convention here Sunday called upon executive heads of the recognized national and international railroad unions to sanction the formation of district "offensive and defensive" alliances—railroad district councils—in the New York district and at other "strategic points in the railroad industry."

These district organizations are necessary, it was stated in a letter sent to the executive union officials, to enable the railroad employees "to better resist the concentrated attacks of the railroad executive association" and "to bring about a closer affiliation of all railroad employees and perfect a 100 percent organization in all crafts by stimulating interest in their own welfare and educating them in the value of solidarity."

Urge Declaration.

Delegates to the convention who represented all local railroad unions in the greater New York district, urged that a state of status quo should be declared by American Federation of Labor so as to clear the way, and make it possible for what are now commonly known as the transportation brotherhoods to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

Through this action, it was stated, the "preambles and resolutions that gave birth to industrial autonomy by the formation of the general departments within the federation would be preserved."

More than 250 representatives of local unions in the New York district attended the convention which was called by district officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

The delegates affirmed their confidence in their international and national officials and pledged to them "our all in their unifying efforts to secure and maintain for the railroad employees the working conditions and the standard of living that they are so justly entitled to."

Want Pact Reaffirmed.

"We further believe that it would be to the best interest of all concerned," added the communication, "that the present existing pact between the 16 recognized railroad unions be reaffirmed and continued indefinitely. And that the principle of craft amalgamation and industrial autonomy be not only recognized as a principle, but to be heralded by the railroad workers as an accepted fact."

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HIGGINS DECLARES
GIRL KILLED SELF

Says Whittum Girl Drank
Poison in Spite of Efforts to Stop Her.

By Associated Press:
CORNELIA, Mich., April 3.—That Lucy Whittum, 19 years old, Durand girl, took her life when told their marriage was to be delayed last Wednesday night was the statement made to Shiawassee county authorities Sunday by Forrest Higgins, 22, who is held here on a charge of murder in connection with the girl's death, according to Pro. R. E. Mathews.

Higgins and Miss Whittum had met at their favorite trysting place, he said, and he told her that the planned elopement would be delayed when the girl became detected thinking his interest in her had waned.

Drained Contents.

"In the cleanness of the night just after I had climbed the fence near our favorite meeting place, I could see her place a bottle to her lips," Higgins was quoted. "I ran to her side and knocked the bottle from her hands but before I could kick it beyond her reach she had picked it up and drained its contents." In another instant she had fallen to the ground, face downward. I felt her still warm body and was satisfied she was dead, ran home."

Higgins declared he was convinced assumption would rest upon him had he reported the affair to the police and that fear of the consequences impelled him to run from the scene without offering assistance to the girl.

She was found, still alive, it was said some time later, by the crew of a passing train. County authorities declared that had medical aid been obtained earlier, death might have been averted.

Prosecutor Mathews declined to say Sunday night what effect Higgins' statement would have on the investigation. His arraignment had been set for Monday.

Calls Men "Slow"

CLAIM ILLNESS
IS EXCUSE TO
PROLONG STAY

By Associated Press:
VIENNA, April 3.—Former Emperor Charles is ill at Steinamanger, according to reports reaching entertainers here. The report is coupled with a request for an allied physician to go to Steinamanger.

There is some inclination here to regard the indisposition of Charles as "diplomatic illness" contracted in order that the former emperor may obtain a further delay in leaving Steinamanger.

The postponement in the departure of Charles is beginning to cause irritation here, as well as in Prague and Belgrade. According to dispatches from the latter places there are indications that early steps may be taken to hasten the departure of Charles.

The belief prevails in some quarters that Charles may start for Switzerland Sunday night, now that the transportation difficulties have been settled. But this is still contingent on possible developments at Steinamanger, where it is reported that large numbers of the nobility are arriving. The little town is crowded with Hungarian notables in numbers never before known in its history.

To Resist Removal.

In foreign circles here, it is asserted that Charles will resist removal pending Tuesday's meeting of parliament. Count Andrássy is said to be trying to save the day for the Hapsburgs by inducing Charles to abdicate in favor of Archduke Otto, his nine year old son, under a

The difficulty of getting the former king out of Hungary is said to be due to differences between the various interests in charge of the situation. It is understood that the socialists have firmly maintained the position that two of their army officers and six men should accompany Charles in order to continue the fiction that he is a prisoner. The

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WARN GREEKS NOT
TO BLOCKADE SEA

Allies to Refuse to Allow
Transport—Turks Report Victories.

By Associated Press:
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—The allies will refuse the Greeks permission to transport their troops in Thrace to the battle front in Asia Minor by way of Constantinople. They will use the Ismid railway.

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